



Wilson, NC  
March 6, 2008

**NC  
Study Commission  
On Aging  
Public Hearing  
March, 2008**

## Background Information

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**The North Carolina Study Commission on Aging is created to study and evaluate the existing system of delivery of State services to older adults and to recommend an improved system of delivery to meet the present and future needs of older adults. This study shall be a continuing one and the evaluation ongoing, as the population of older citizens grows and as old problems faced by older citizens magnify and are augmented by new problems. (G.S. 120-180)**

**The Commission may hold public meetings across the State to solicit public input with respect to the issues of aging in North Carolina. (G.S. 120-185)**

### **March 2008 Public Hearing**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Number of Speakers</b>
<b>March 6, 2008</b>	<b>Wilson, NC</b>	<b>42</b>

**The issues mentioned during the hearing with the greatest frequency were:**

- Increase Senior Center Funds/Make 2007-08 Increase Recurring (15)**
- Increase Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funds (13)**
- Increase Funds for Adult Day Reimbursement/Support Adult Day Care (6)**
- Increase Funds for Area Agencies on Aging (5)**
- Support for Adult Protective Services/Enact & Fund APS Clearinghouse Model Pilot (5)**
- Support for Senior Games (5)**

## Frequency of Issues Expressed by Speakers

	WILSON TOTAL
Increase HCCBG Funds	13
Increase Senior Center Funds/Make 2007-08 Increase Recurring	15
Increase Funds for Adult Day Reimbursement/Support Adult Day	6
Increase Funds for Area Agencies on Aging	5
Provide Funding for Project C.A.R.E.	3
Increase Asset Limit for Medicaid- Aged, Blind and Disabled	1
Support for Adult Protective Services/ Enact & Fund APS Clearinghouse Model Pilot	5
Increase Funds for New & Existing Special Care Dental Programs (Care in Underserved Areas, LTC, Disabled Seniors at Home)	4
Support/Fund Older Adult Pop. Growth Study	2
Increase Funds and Legislation for Guardianship Services	3
Increase Funds for Housing Trust Fund/Recurring Funding	3
Increase Medicaid Reimbursement Rate for Dental Care	1
Need Transportation Funding for Seniors	4
Increase CAP/DA and PCS Rates to Maintain Qualified Workers	1
Support for Home & Hospice Care	2
Continue Moratorium on New Home Care Agencies	1
Prohibit Home Care From Giving to Clients	1
Extend Grace Period to Resolve Medicaid Issues Prior to Patient Transfer	1
Focus on Addressing the Needs of Developmentally Disabled Older Adults	2
Support for Senior Games	5
Support for Community Alternatives Program (CAP)	1
Medicare Advantage Plans – Concern for Aggressive and Misleading Sales Tactics	3
Support for Respite Services/Support for Family Caregivers	2
Advance Directives/Leave Decision in Hands of Health Care Providers	1
Support for the Star Rating System	1
Increase Monitoring of Family Care Homes	1
Concern for Mixing Mentally Ill & Frail Elderly	2
Expand NC Support for Prescription Drug Coverage	1
Support for HB 1711 Establish Paid Sick Days	1
Increase Funds for In-Home Services to Reduce Waiting Lists	1
Raise Awareness of End of Life Options	1
Increase Licensed Hospice Beds	1
Concern Over Reverse Mortgages – Require Face to Face Counseling	1

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